

## LOCAL ITEMS

—Phone 182.  
—Subscription \$1.50.  
—Picture program page 2.  
—10 pages this issue; 16 pages next issue.  
—P.S. printed every Thursday afternoon.  
—“Oh, the Slush, the Slush, the Beautiful Slush.”  
—Do you like the new “head” on the front page?  
—Look upon the Post-Dispatch as YOUR paper.  
—Quarterly report of the Bank of Ellerbe on page 7.  
—A gentle reminder Sunday and Monday of Old Boreas.  
—The temptation is great to give more thought to the “bite” than to the “bit.”  
—The city schools will close tomorrow (Friday) for a two weeks' holiday for Christmas.  
—A most acceptable Christmas gift to friend or relative is a year's subscription to the Post-Dispatch. Try it.  
—If any further proof were needed to convince one that “the pen is mightier than the sword,” one has only to recall the price of pork.  
—No, there has been no depletion in the ranks of those who make cold weather colder by warmly remarking, “Is it cold enough for you?”  
—T. W. Wood, an electrician working on a motor at Entwistle mill Sunday, was badly burned on the right hand and wrist; his face was slightly burned too.  
—Arnold A. McKay, of Maxton, was two weeks ago appointed consul of the United States at Valparaiso, Chile. The salary is \$2500; he graduated at the University in 1913.  
—The President on Nov. 26th appointed D. A. McDonald, of Carthage, as inspector for North Carolina to enforce the federal explosives law, under supervision of the Bureau of Mines.  
—Just suppose a meat, bread and feed embargo were put on transportation to the South! Why, we'd be all dressed up with nowhere to get something to eat to match our cotton clothes.  
—Dr. Frank Bernard Garrett will leave here Friday for Camp Greenleaf, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., in response to orders to report for training in the medical officers' reserve corps. His rank is that of Lieutenant.  
—W. H. Roberts, of Rt 1, was a Post-Dispatch visitor Saturday. He served in Co. I, 43rd regt. The editor is especially glad to make the acquaintance of Richmond county men who wore the beloved Grey.  
—The advance in coal prices is not a blanket raise, but it means that somebody will have to raise more blankets. What about more sheep raising in the suitable parts of Richmond county, or are dogs more valuable?  
—The Post-Dispatch last week stated that J. S. Utter, of Hamlet, had been commissioned a second lieutenant, as a result of attending the officers' training camp at Ft. Oglethorpe. This was an error; it should have read “first lieutenant.”  
—A civil service examination will be held here Jan. 12th to fill the vacancy of the Cardova postoffice. The compensation of the postmaster there for the last fiscal year was \$229. Male applicants must be at least 21 years old, and women 18.  
—Owing to inclemency of the weather, the meeting of the Canning and Pig Club members scheduled for last Saturday was not held, being postponed until this coming Saturday, 15th. All members are urged to bring their record books so that these may be judged. Meeting at court-house.

—Observe the meatless and wheatless days. The eating of more fish is expected to turn the scale in meat conservation.

—Post-Dispatch office is “on Hancock street, opposite Rockingham hotel, and next door to Chinaman's laundry. Come in.

—His friends are glad to see W. Steele Lowdermilk on the streets again. He has recovered sufficiently to resume his law practice.

—Just 12 days from today till Christmas, but so far as your shopping is concerned you know your own business; hence the omission of the hackneyed “Do your Christmas shopping early.”

—Rev. Z. V. Roberson as campaign manager of the Red Cross membership campaign has a splendid appeal for 600 new members for Richmond county, in this issue. Read it, and then ACT.

—With one accord, all the papers in the larger cities speak in highest terms of the sparkling comedy “Mary's Ankle” which comes to The Hamlet Opera House Friday, Dec. 14th. It is playing to capacity.

—The humble hog, which the Bible says was once possessed of seven devils, has risen to such an estate that he is now news of the first magnitude. The Post-Dispatch will be glad to hear of the weights of some extra large porkers and their ages.

—Ramey and Joe Adams, colored, were given a hearing before Squire H. L. Guthrie Tuesday, charged with the alleged theft of seed cotton from T. C. Covington, on Tuesday night of last week. They were bound to court for a fuller investigation.

—Next week's issue of the Post-Dispatch will consist of sixteen pages. Four pages will be devoted to an itemization of the expenditures of Richmond County for the past fiscal year. Watch for the issue of the 20th and save the pages containing this expense account.

—A recruiting party from the Navy headquarters at Raleigh will be at the Rockingham postoffice on the 16th, 17th and 18th, for the purpose of explaining Navy life to would-be applicants for enlistment. The Navy is in especial need just now of firemen for the engineers' department, and negro mess attendants; the pay for this latter is \$37 a month, together with lodging, subsistence and clothing.

—Willie W. Shankle, who volunteered last spring, and who was sent to France with the first Expeditionary force, served in the front line trenches for several days between the 8th and 21st of November. A letter received Sunday by his mother here stated that he was just out of the hospital (Nov. 21st) where he had been for a few days suffering from a cold following his service in the trenches.

—Cotton here today 29c. The Food Administration and the Seed Crushers' Association met in the city of Raleigh on last Tuesday and agreed on a fixed price of \$1.08 for seed in car quantities, and \$49.50 f. o. b. mill for N. C. cotton seed meal. The price for seed in small quantities varies.

### Derby School Election.

The election for a special tax for the Derby Memorial School district will be held Tuesday, January 22nd. Part of the district lies in Richmond and part in Montgomery. The proposed tax would be increased from 30 to 50 cents on the \$100, and from 90 to \$1.50 on the poll.

The registrar is H. A. Rankin, and the books for the new registration will be open from the 22nd to Jan 11th, inclusive. The pollholders will be J. W. Williams and J. G. Bryant.

—Shirtwaists in georgette and crepe de chine.—W. E. Harrison & Land Co.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

Little Caroline Goodrum arrived the 11th to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Armistead.

Mrs. R. E. Lea, of Laurinburg, spent Saturday and Sunday in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thomas.

The Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts enjoyed an outing and typical camp fire supper near town last Friday night.

Mrs. Frank Leak returned Thursday from a ten days' visit in High Point, where she was the recipient of much social attention.

Misses Mamie and Ann Steele left on Saturday night for Baltimore, Maryland, where they will spend several weeks with friends.

Rev. G. F. Smith requests the paper to state that services will be conducted by him at the Methodist church next Sunday morning ann night.

Mrs. S. W. Steele returned Tuesday night from Wilmington where she has been spending two weeks with her daughter, Miss Jessie Steele.

Thomas W. Guthrie, who has a position in the folding room of the House of Representatives building at Washington will arrive Sunday to spend the holidays.

Second Lieut. Carl Smith leaves tonight for Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., for duty. First Lieut. Nathan LeGrand leaves tomorrow for Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.

Zeb R. Covington returned to Asheville Friday, after attending the funeral here of his father, the late Asbury C. Covington. He is in the insurance business in the mountain city.

Mr. William Little Steele, accompanied by Mrs. Steele and little Maud Steele, motored to Greensboro and spent last weekend with Mrs. Steele's sister, Mrs. Tom Parsons.

Wm. L. Covington, Jr., left here last Thursday night for Greensboro, where he enlisted as storekeeper in the Aviation corps. He left Greensboro Friday for Fort Thomas, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Green, of Bishopville, S. C., last week moved to the Country Club, as managers. The former manager, Vernon Dowles, went to Charlotte in September as night clerk at the Stonewall hotel.

Miss Steele, of Statesville, who for the last seven or eight months has been the stenographer in the office of Mr. Ozmer L. Henry, left on Friday morning for her home. Miss Steele during her stay here has made many warm friends who will regret to learn that she will not return.

Capt. L. P. McLendon, who for the past fall has been at Camp Sevier as captain of the Durham company in Col. Gox's field artillery, has gone to Fort Sill, Okla., under orders to take a three months' course in field artillery. McLendon is from Wadesboro; he represented Durham county in the last legislature.

The many friends of Miss Flora Cooper are delighted to see her out again. Miss Cooper has been quarantined for the past three weeks having come in close contact with a case of scarlet fever. She is now with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harrison where she will be for the remainder of the winter.

The many friends of Mr. Robert Steele will be interested to learn that he has been given the commission of First Lieutenant in the Aviation Corps. Mr. Steele, who not more than two months ago went to Camp Jackson, S. C., as a private, has risen from his first commission of Corporal to his present commission. He will sail at an early date for France where he will enter training.

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